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First I'd like to state who I am. My name is Krisztian Szabo, a resident of Lewis Center, Ohio. I am not a Microsoft zealot, if anything I advocate open source such as linux. My server infact runs linux as a safegaurd for the web services and against microsoft virii. For the past four years I have been working at General Electric Lighting and General Electric Superabraisives as a Network Specilist and assistant to the previous CIO.

I write here in responce of this website : <http://www.codeweavers.com/~jwhite/tunney.html> and many like it produced by Linux zealots, who, sad to say see the entire case as an episode of Star Wars rather then cold hard facts. Microsoft is not a big ruthless empire, it is a business that makes decent to semi-decent software, but more then this, it has been for the past 20-25 years a standard for the computer industry. Already the ramifications of this trial have been felt. Computer manufacturers have dropped the "Made for Windows XXXX" logo, and hardware has started becoming incompatible and expensive as it was in the seventies and even in the early eighties. Many believe Microsoft is infringing on the rights of other companies by bundling their software with windows. First a majority of the companies that have files complaints make substandard software, and second most of them offer it for free. Case and point is Netscape. I have not know anyone who was only allowed to buy a copy of Netscape and didn't download it claiming they were an educational institution. However many people have expressed these veiws, our senators and representatives, didn't even bother to respond or listen. I am sorry to say even Sen. Voinavich whom I have known since I was in highschool turned a deaf ear.

While my fath in US judicial system had been very weak, especially with the decision of the Microsoft Case, it should have been dismissed, or at least heard by someone who understands modern day technology, of which there is no one presently in the supreme court. I still implore you to use the current settlement. It is the best way of keeping the computer industry from stagnating, it may infact fix the damage done to the economy. In addition it keeps the standards that most computers are built on, and reinforces the idea that Microsoft isn't the only company, the standards it has set on the hardware industry should not be thrown out.

Thank you very much for your time,
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